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Applicant:	MICHAEL ET AL.	Examiner:	W. NEUDER
Serial No.:	10/047,422	Group Art Unit:	3672
Filed:	JANUARY 14, 2002	Docket No.:	10646.345US01
Title:	SONDE HOUSING AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE		

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Dear Sir:

Applicants have herewith filed a Request for Continued Examination. The Request for Continued Examination is filed to ensure consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement previously submitted on September 4, 2003.

In particular, an Information Disclosure Statement was submitted to the U.S. Patent Office on September 4, 2003, after receipt of a Notice of Allowance. Applicants certified under 37 C.F. R. 1.97(e)(1) that the items submitted were first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office with three month of the filing. Copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, references, transmittals and return postcard are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the enclosed references and return an initialed copy of the Form 1449.

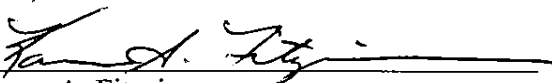
The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at 612.371.5340 if any further questions or concerns arise.



Date: Oct. 30, 2003

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- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 2 Reference(s), Copy of International Search Report
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Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed August 6, 2003.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311 or after any other action that closes prosecution on the application, but before the payment of the issue fee. Please charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) (\$180.00) to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. This statement is submitted as certified below under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) or (2) by the undersigned.

Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) or §1.97(d), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application within three months of filing this statement.

Certification Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, no patent term adjustment is due for the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the International Search Report.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

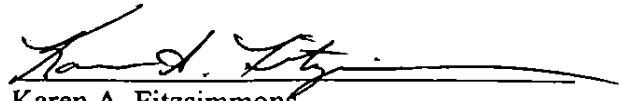
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